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SENSITIVE SIPDIS FOR INL/RM (TIM BARRY, TIM HENDERSON)

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SUBJECT: QUARTERS LEASE FOR POLICE

REFTELS: A)Quito 880, B)State 96667

- 11. (SBU) NAS requests authorization to sign a two-year lease for administrative facilities for a specialized police intelligence unit of the Ecuadorian National Police that cooperates with DHS/ICE. The police unit conducts operations against money laundering, trafficking in persons, human smuggling and other transnational criminal organizations. The property is a 500-sq meter residential house located at Urbanizacion Mexterior, Calle Jose Alas 127 y Tomas Charipove in Quito, Ecuador. The cost is USD 1,100.00 per month and the lease term would be for two years. This will be a new lease. The lease period is from December 1, 2009 to November 30, 2011.
- 12. (SBU) Justification: Due to the nature of its activities, this police unit requires an anonymous and secure location separate from regular police facilities, which will permit operation of controlled sensitive operations. The Ecuadorian National Police do not have a suitable facility available for this police unit.
- 13. (SBU) This lease replaces the lease requested in Reftel A and approved by INL in Reftel B. The lease for the previous location was not signed, so this lease request is a replacement, rather than an additional location.

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